

Remarks

The Examiner has maintained the Election/Restriction Requirement and made same final, thereby withdrawing claims 26 through 31 from examination.

Claims 17 through 20, 23 through 25, and 32 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Anthony GB '223. The Examiner has, however, indicated that claims 21 and 22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In responding to these rejections, the Applicant has amended independent claim 17 to include the limitations of allowable claim 21 and intervening claim 20. Claim 17 is therefore allowable. The remaining claims of record are dependent upon an allowable base claim and are therefore also allowable. In view thereof, the Examiner is respectfully requested to rejoin withdrawn claims 26 through 31, since they are clearly allowable in view of their dependence on allowable base claim 17, thereby obviating the requirements for a further search and eliminating the search burden which was the basis for the Restriction/Election Requirement. Claims 20 and 21 have been cancelled.

The Applicant submits that this application is in a position of allowance and requests passage to issuance of pending claims 17 through 19 and 22 through 32.

No new matter has been added in this amendment.

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